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SUSPICIOUS DEATH 1400 NORTH STONE AVENUE

*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 17, 2011*****

The investigation into the death of Mr. Potter has revealed that the injuries that resulted in his death were most likely the result of an accident. The investigation is now closed.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – November 17, 2011

*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 15, 2011*****

The victim has been identified as **44-year old Timothy Carl Potter**. Next of kin have been notified. The investigation is ongoing, and has not yet clearly revealed whether or not Potter was the victim of an assault, or if the trauma he suffered was the result of an accident. Detectives are requesting that anyone who might have seen him on or between November 5 and 6, 2011 call 911 or 88-CRIME. Information from the public may prove critical to the investigator's efforts to piece together a timeline of the victim's last 24 hours.



Timothy Potter

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*****UPDATE – NOVEMBER 8, 2011*****

Detectives have determined that the victim in this case was admitted to a local hospital for blunt-force trauma injuries on early Saturday morning, November 5, 2011. He was released at approximately noon that day, and was last seen alive at or near De Anza Park at Speedway and Stone, at approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday. Detectives are trying to determine what his activities were between 1 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday when his body was found approximately four blocks north of the park.

The victim is described as an **apparently homeless white male in his mid-40s, with shoulder-length dirty blonde hair and a long dirty blonde beard and wearing blue pants, a light blue button-down shirt, and sandals.** There is information to suggest that he is familiar to people in the area.

The Tucson Police Department is urging anyone with information about the subject to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – November 8, 2011

On November 6, 2011 at approximately 1 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call from a citizen reporting a male that appeared to be deceased in the parking lot of the Eegee's restaurant at North Stone and East Drachman. The restaurant was closed at the time of the discovery. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the scene and confirmed that the male was in fact deceased. The victim, a male who appeared to be in his 40's, had obvious signs of trauma. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Aggravated Assault Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives determined that the male had been recently treated at a local hospital for trauma-related injuries. It was not immediately clear at the scene if the victim had succumbed to those earlier injuries, or had sustained new injuries either from an assault or an accident. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

The Tucson Police Department is urging anyone with information about this case to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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